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YOUR SUBMISSIONS
ARE ENCOURAGED!

Lion David A. Harris April 1, 1942—February 8, 2021



It is with the deepest sadness that we report the passing of PDG Dave Harris at the age of 79. Lion Dave joined the Granville Lions Club in October 1977 and transferred to the Troy Lions Club in April 1988 but remained an Associate of Granville. He was District Governor of District 20-Y2 in 2001-2002 and a permanent member of the board of directors of the Albany & Troy Lions Club ever since. He was a bronze Knight of the Blind, a recipient of the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award, and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

His cheerfulness, devotion to Lionism and wise council will be sorely missed.

Report of the meetings held on Wednesday, February 3:

General meeting:

PDG John McDonald gave a brief presentation about the Brandel-Murphy Youth Foundation and then told us that we were approved for the \$2000 grant we had applied for. This will be used to fund Greg & Jodi's Pandemic Produce Pick-up for the month of February.

Lion Jerry presented to Lion Greg (*in absentia*) a Key Award from LCI for bringing in two new members.

Our guest speaker was District Childhood Cancer Chair Lion Diane Lange from the Ballston Spa LC. She thanked us again for the personal and club-sponsored gift cards that we donated to the Melodies Center at Albany Med last September. The Melodies Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders is the only provider of care for children and teens with cancer and blood disorders in the 25 counties it serves. It treats more than 1,400 children and their families annually. Other closely affiliated foundations are Nick's Fight to be Healed, Logan Strong and, of course, Ronald McDonald House. Each has a slightly different emphasis but they can all use donations of gift cards for meals, groceries, toiletries and other necessities. Diane suggests that each club have a cancer chair to coordinate the club's efforts. She told us about a 5-year-old cancer patient named J.J. Amisano who loves to get mail. You can send him a card at PO Box 14511, Albany, NY 12212. He goes to St. Pius Nursery School and

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is trying to figure out the mystery of “Mr. B,” an anonymous donor who has been very generous. If you want to follow his progress, his mom posts on the Facebook page “JJ’s Journey.”

Board meetings:

Lion Ruth volunteered to call Ronald McDonald House to see whether they could use any of our leftover SaveAround books. She will also call Melodies Center to see whether they want any knit hats.

As reported in the last *Rare Meat*, the Albany Leo Club is now a reality! They will be meeting (on Zoom, for now) on the first Tuesday.

Also as reported in the last *Rare Meat*, the Hat Committee has rechristened itself Warm Woolen Wishes. They are looking for both knitters and donations of yarn. [See page 6]

Also as reported in the last *Rare Meat*, we came up with the \$1800 needed to pay the security deposit and first month’s rent for De, the fire victim who spoke to us last month. \$500 came from our treasury, \$1000 from individual Lions and \$300 from a friend of Lion Eva’s.

We still have NYS&BLF raffle tickets available. They are \$100 each with a top prize of \$15,000. Individuals can buy whole, half or quarter tickets, and for every three that we take, we can present an Uplinger award. We also have raffle tickets to send one Leo from each district to the 2021 USA/Canada Leo Leadership forum; these are \$5 each with a first prize of a Ring® video doorbell.

NABA is looking for drivers to take their visually impaired clients to get Covid vaccine shots, and for someone to make Plexiglas dividers for their manufacturing area.

There were no new applicants for either eyeglasses or hearing aids.

We received a check from Boscov’s for \$101.07 from their Friends Helping Friends fundraiser last October.

We have submitted an application for another \$15,000 Albany Community Block Grant. This is virtually the same as the one we completed a few months ago except that we’ll be distributing hand sanitizer only.

Our next general meeting

If you haven’t been to a meeting in a while, why not try a Zoom meeting? No need to get dressed and go out in the cold. Our next general membership meeting will be on Zoom on **Wednesday, March 3 at 6:00 PM**. Our guest speakers will be Saratoga Springs Lion Joe Wagner, the district Leo chair. He will be joined by Leo Kelly Bowden, who is 20-W’s Leo rep to the Council of Governors; she is like a District Gov for Leos. Together they will tell us what we can expect with and from our new Leo club and how we can assure its success.

As usual, the board meetings will follow the general meeting.

I’ll send out the link a day or two before the meeting.

A report from our Leo Club

There will be an induction ceremony for our new Leo club on **Sunday, March 14, at 10 a.m.** It will feature a number of honored speakers, including 1st International Vice-President Douglas Alexander. We’ll send out the Zoom link just before the date. Please make every effort to join us for this important event.



REACH

At our January meeting, we set up an *ad hoc* committee comprising Lions Greg, Irv and Eva to address emergency community services. It's been rebranded as REACH, an acronym for Response, Emergency Aid, Community Help. Their first good deed was to shovel out the vehicle of a wheelchair-bound vet.



L-R: Lions Jordan and Shawn did much of the shoveling, while Lion Greg put de-icing on the cake, so to speak.

Congratulations, guys, on your quick response and a job well done.

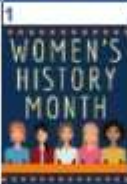



A new member

Robin Ford of Troy Street Soldiers spoke at our December meeting. We liked what she's doing for the needy and homeless and she liked our community service orientation, so she's accepted our invitation for membership. I'm sure we'll be good for each other. She will be inducted at a special district-wide Zoom meeting on April 24, which is Worldwide Induction Day—watch for details. If you know of any potential members, it would be nice to get them included in this event.



PLEASE NOTE: This is not a free event. The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention updates and details will be posted at lciicon.lionsclubs.org as they become available.

Bring a potential member
to a meeting.

March 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3 General meeting; see page 2	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Leo induction; see page 2 	15	16	17 	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Starts at sundown 
28 	29	30	31	<p><i>For other events around the district, visit 20WLions.org</i></p>		

Happy Birthday!

Happy **March** birthday to these
A&T Lions:

9th: Stefan Fosco
13th: Tom Hart
16th: Ruth Sano
19th: Joann Beach
21st: Greg Sheldon



Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to these
March inductees:

Chris Burke: 14 years
Dave Levine: 42 years

Visit your club's web site: **ALBANYTROYLIONS.ORG**,
your district web site: **20WLIONS.ORG**,
and International's new web site: **LIONSCLUBS.ORG**.



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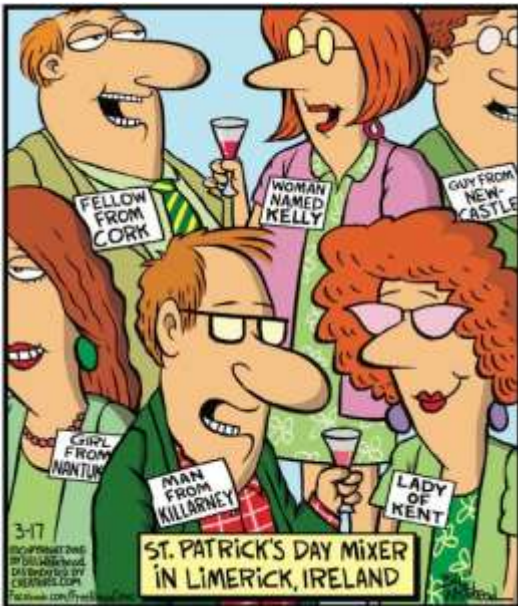


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Saint Patrick Driving the snakes out of Ireland



A wee bit o' wisdom from Snapple bottle caps

The Statue of Liberty wears a size 879 sandal.

A cubic mile of fog is made up of less than one gallon of water.

Australia is wider than the moon.

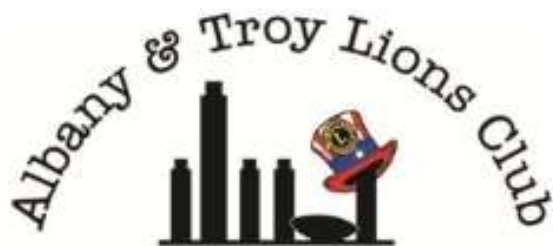
There are 18 different animal shapes in the animal crackers cookie zoo.

Mongolians invented lemonade around 1299 A.D.



Got Yarn? Or extra fleece fabric?

If you don't need it anymore,
we can find someone who will use it to make hats,
mittens and scarves for the needy.



Warm Woollen Wishes Project

Helping Hands ~  ~ Creating Comfort

Unites people with yarn or fabric so they can help us reach
our goal of 350 items by the end of 2021

This helps us help everyone

Someone stuck at home will have materials to make cozy items

We will have those items to give to the needy

Everyone wins!

If you can help us out with yarn or fabric ~ Let us know.
We will be happy to pick it up and get it where it needs to go.

Contact the Albany Troy Lions at albanytroylions@gmail.com

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